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SUBJECT: UNHCR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM FOR 1982

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. GOP AND UNHCR HAVE NOT YET SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR 1982. UNHCR HAD BEEN OPERATING IN PAKISTAN ON BASIS OF THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO 1981 AGREEMENT WHICH HAS NOW EXPIRED.

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3. PRELIMINARY UNHCR 1982 BUDGET, APPROXIMATELY DOLS 58 MILLION, WILL NOT INCLUDE PAYMENT FOR "ADMINISTRATIVE

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SUPPORT", I.E., SALARIES OF GOP RELIEF OFFICIALS, UNTIL AND UNLESS GOP PROVIDES AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF USE MADE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED TO GOP FROM UNHCR -- SOME DOLS 40 MILLION IN 1981. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN DOLS 7 MILLION RANGE. UNHCR WILL NOT PROVIDE FUNDING FOR GOP TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND WILL REDUCE PURCHASES OF TENTS IN FAVOR OF PROVIDING MATERIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MORE DURABLE HOUSING IN THOSE AREAS WHERE LOCAL RESIDENTS DO NOT OBJECT AND GOP ALLOWS.

4. COMMENT: WRANGLING OVER 1982 BUDGET AND SUBSEQUENT DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM CAUSED BY DEBATE OVER VON ARNIM'S RECOMMENDATIONS IS VERY UNFORTUNATE FROM PERSPECTIVE OF OVERALL EFFICIENCY OF RELIEF PROJECT IN PAKISTAN. DELAY IN UNHCR-GOP AGREEMENT COULD LEAD TO FUNDING GAPS IN CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PROGRAM DESPITE SOME "OVERLAP FUNDS" FROM 1981. EVEN WITH SIGNING OF AGREEMENT IN LATE APRIL, SEVERAL WEEKS WILL PASS BEFORE FUNDS BEGIN TO FILTER DOWN TO PROVINCIAL LEVEL. WE BELIEVE UNHCR REQUEST THAT GOP PROVIDE GOOD ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS RECEIVED PREVIOUSLY IS REASONABLE.

5. COPIES OF PROPOSED UNHCR 1982 BUDGET BEING POUCHED
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